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MALAYSIA

ANTIDRUG EXHIBITION TO GO ON TOUR

Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English 6 Feb 77 p 5

[Excerpts] A national-level anti-drugs exhibition will be held at Muzium Negara in May, Deputy Law Minister Rais Yatim said today.

Opening the first meeting of the organizing committee of the exhibition here [Kuala Lumpur], he said it was aimed at creating an effective approach to the fight against drug abuse and would take into account all activities connected with the anti-drug campaign.

The exhibition is jointly organized by the National Association Against Drug Abuse (Pemadam), the Central Narcotics Bureau, Welfare Services and Health Ministries, Police, Customs and other related bodies.

Encik Rais said that the exhibition would later be taken to other parts of the country through mobile units and audiovisual techniques among other methods.

He said that although the mass media had been playing an effective part in educating the people on the dangers of drug abuse, it was "time for new techniques and approaches."

On the anti-drugs campaign in schools, Encik Rais, who is also the chairman of Pemadam, said that the association, with the help of the Education Ministry, had planned to set up a system to control drug addiction among students.

On drug addiction among government servants, he said that there were 123 government officers receiving treatment at drug rehabilitation centres in Bukit Mertajam, Kuala Kubu Baru and Johore Bahru.

He urged those who are addicted to drugs to contact Pemadam for help. Their cases would be treated in strict confidence.

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MALAYSIA

DRUG SYNDICATES MOVING BASE OF OPERATIONS

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 11 Feb 77 p 14

[Text] Drug traffickers from the north are moving their base of operations to Johore to evade intensive investigations by the Police, Customs and Narcotics Bureau there, Deputy Law Minister Encik Rais Yatim said here [Muar] today.

He said: "It is for this reason that the Government has directed the three respective agencies to intensify their anti-drug activities in Johore."

Encik Rais was speaking at an anti-drug campaign rally organized by Pemadam [National Association Against Drug Abuse] which was attended by about 10,000 people at the Niru padang here.

He said that police had found out that continued harassment by the agencies had forced the drug syndicates in the north to seek "new ground to spread their evil work".

Encik Rais said that nearly 20,000 drug abusers have been arrested in the country so far including 105 hardcore traffickers who have been sent to Pulau Jerejak.

He said that in Johore there had been a 100 per cent increase in the number of arrests, from 135 persons in 1975 to 297 last year.

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MALAYSIA

ADDICTED BANK EMPLOYEES SENT TO REHABILITATION CENTERS

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 9 Feb 77 p 9

[Excerpts] About 100 bank employees from all over the country have been sent to drug rehabilitation centres and hospitals under a scheme reached between their employers and the union.

The general secretary of the National Union of Bank Employees, Mr. A.R. Fernandez, said today these addicts had come forward for treatment during a three-month amnesty period which ended on Jan. 1.

He said under the scheme, the employers would pay for the treatment of employees who are drug addicts.

"For those who are not so seriously addicted, rehabilitation can be completed with three months, but for the more serious ones, it may take six months," he said.

During the first three months, the employees undergoing treatment would be paid full salaries and for the next three months, they would be paid half their salaries.

"When rehabilitation is complete, the employees can return to work with no loss in seniority or increments," he said.

However, if those after having received treatment, returned to drugs, they would face dismissal.

New employees taken in after the amnesty period would be dismissed if they were found to be addicted to drugs.

The old staff who had not taken advantage of the amnesty offer would be dismissed if they were subsequently found to be drug addicts.

While being treated, workers who were not co-operative might have their benefits under the scheme withdrawn or might be dismissed.

Most of the drug addicts who had come forward for treatment were in the age group of 20-25.

The largest number was from Selangor.

Commenting on the scheme a Pemadam [National Association Against Drug Abuse] spokesman said more industries should follow the example set by the banks.

He said it was essential for factory management to curb the problem among factory hands.

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BRIEFS

KUALA LUMPUR RAIDS--City police picked up 90 men and seized a quantity of heroin in raids over the past 3 days. DSP Syed Meir Wahid Alhubshi, commander of A Division, said that members of the Rukun Tetangga organization had been providing police with information on drug pushers in their areas. He said that with their help a hotel had been raided and three men detained. One of the men threw a package containing seven packets and a straw of heroin out of the window. A suspected heroin supplier in Kampung Limau was detained and 14 tubes of heroin and a syringe confiscated from him. In Lorong Haji Taib another man was found in possession of 17 tubes of heroin inside a matchbox. A man with seven tubes of heroin hidden in his shoes was arrested in Jalan Raja Laut. On Monday police picked up a suspected heroin supplier in Lorong Jalan Tun Ismail and confiscated a packet and nine straws of heroin from him. Another 10 tubes of heroin was taken from a man in Lorong Ampang. [Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 3 Feb 77 p 9]

DRUG PIPELINE SMASHED--Police smashed a major drug pipeline on 3 February when they arrested three men and confiscated raw opium and morphine valued at more than M\$ 2 million. The drugs were seized from a truck stopped by a road block on Scudai Road, Johore Baru. The drugs were in a secret compartment behind the driver's seat. The three men in the truck are believed to be members of a drug syndicate. The drugs were in 10 four-gallon tins and three packets. They consisted of six slabs of raw opium weighing 270 pounds and three packets of morphine weighing six pounds. The six pounds of morphine could be converted into 220,000 injections. The opium is estimated to be worth M\$ 1.4 million on the blackmarket, and the morphine, at M\$ 4 a shot, M\$ 880,000. [Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 4 Feb 77 p 6]

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NEW ZEALAND

MARIHUANA TO BE USED TO CURE HEROIN ADDICTS

Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English 22 Feb 77 p 1

[Text] Some Auckland heroin addicts will be given marihuana in an attempt to cure them of their habits.

Heroin addicts are usually treated with a synthetic drug called methadone, but the medical superintendent of Carrington Hospital, Dr D.M.F. McDonald, thinks that marihuana could be a better form of treatment for some addicts.

Prompted by a group of addicts called the Addicts Welfare Association, Dr McDonald approached the Medical Research Council late last year for permission to go ahead with an experimental programme.

Permission granted, the experiment will probably go ahead in March.

No Objections

"I have been quite pleasantly surprised by the openminded attitude of the people concerned," said Dr McDonald.

"At no time did I run into any objections, nor was there any question of the legality of the idea.

"The law provides for the use of marihuana in legitimate medical research."

Dr McDonald hopes to conduct the experiment at Carrington and at the Parnell clinic for addicts, but he says it would be available only to volunteers over the age of 18.

"We are at the setting-up stage at the moment," he said.

"I recently wrote to some Canadian and American institutes to see if they were operating similar programmes and I'm waiting to hear from them before making any final plans.

Police Reaction

"For the experiment to be of any use, we want to ensure that our procedures can compare with existing ones overseas."

Dr McDonald said that reactions from the police had not been unfavourable.

"They seem to have adopted a 'wait and see' attitude," said Dr McDonald.

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NEW ZEALAND

CANNABIS GROWING AMONG CROPS

Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English 18 Feb 77 p 1

[Text] Commercial cannabis pushers are cutting down areas of maize in fields to grow their plants, a Hamilton drug squad member said yesterday.

Maize farmers in the Hamilton and lower Waikato were warned by police to be on the lookout for cannabis growing among their crops.

During the past 2 months police have discovered hundreds of the plants on many Waikato properties.

"No doubt it's being grown among maize for commercial purposes," the spokesman said.

In one field at Te Rapa 30 cannabis plants were found. Three rows of corn 15 feet long had been uprooted to cultivate five plants, in six different places. Twenty rows of corn were lost altogether.

At Matangi 55 plants were seized. Patches 10 feet by 10 feet had been cleared to grow a single cannabis plant.

Police became aware of the trend after a farmer was alerted by a topdressing contractor that a swathe of bare soil had appeared among his crop.

It appeared most fields had been tampered with when corn was about knee height.

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NEW ZEALAND

SIX-YEAR JAIL TERM FOR IMPORTING HEROIN WORTH \$12,000

Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English 19 Feb 77 p 5

[Text] Gregory Carl Reed, aged 24, was yesterday sent to jail for 6 years for importing heroin from Bangkok.

Earlier, his counsel, Mr B. McClelland, QC, told Mr Justice Casey he was in some difficulty making submissions because Reed maintained he was innocent.

Under these circumstances, said Mr McClelland, he could not cover the circumstances of the offence because Reed contended he had nothing to do with it.

A jury had found Reed guilty of the charge.

It was alleged he had put about 8.6 grams of heroin in cavities carved into six rolled magazines.

Worth \$12,000

The heroin, with a street value of \$12,000, was mailed from Bangkok to two Christchurch addresses, each occupied by friends of Reed.

Reed said he had been in Bangkok but denied ever having mailed the magazines.

Reed contended that his thumb prints found on the page of one magazine and on the address label of another could have been imposed when he handled the magazines during an interview with a Christchurch drug squad detective.

The judge, however, said he accepted the jury's verdict of guilty.

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NEW ZEALAND

HEROIN WORTH \$27,000 FOUND IN WOMAN'S FLAT

Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English 22 Feb 77 p 4

[Text] A young woman who admitted being addicted to heroin was found to have heroin worth \$27,000 in her Parnell flat, a detective said yesterday.

Detective Sergeant John William Panoho was giving evidence in the trial of Carol Marion Tremain, aged 24, sailmaker, who had denied possessing heroin on or about 26 September for supply to others and selling heroin to others between 17 September and 26 September last year.

She is on trial in the Supreme Court at Auckland before Mr Justice Henry and a jury of seven women and five men.

The Crown Prosecutor, Mr R.P.G. Haines, said yesterday in his opening address that Tremain was travelling through Taumarunui on 26 September with friends when the car was stopped and searched.

In a bag which Tremain said was hers were found a syringe, needles and five plastic bags with traces of heroin. She said she had injected herself.

Search Flat

Detective Sergeant Panoho said he searched Tremain's Parnell flat and found a tin and a jar in the basement in a hole in a brick wall.

The tin had three empty plastic bags and two with a white powder in them. The jar had 11 small portions of white powder in white paper.

Dr Ronald James Wong, a scientist at the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, said the heroin in the two plastic bags weighed 9 grams and was 20 percent pure. The powder in the bags weighed 45 grams.

The powder in the 11 portions weighed 1.23 grams, of which 0.25 grams was heroin of 21 percent purity.

Worth \$27,000

Detective Sergeant Panoho said heroin was usually adulterated to be 10 percent pure. On that basis the heroin seized was worth about \$27,000 on the illicit market.

He spoke to Tremain who admitted that some cannabis seeds found in her bedroom were hers. She told him she was looking after the "stuff" for two friends while they were in Australia. She put it in the basement.

In a written statement, Tremain said the two friends had stayed with her for 2 or 3 days before going to Australia.

She saw them with at least five plastic bags of heroin and a set of new scales. They were cutting (mixing) the heroin with glucose and putting it in other bags. She said she helped.

She said in the statement that the two gave her 22 small paper packets of heroin and asked her if she wanted to sell it. During the next week, she said, she sold 10 packets for \$30 and was to receive \$5 for herself.

In evidence, Tremain said she was a heroin addict at the time, injecting herself two or three times a day. She had been an addict for about 3 weeks.

She said she did not want to sell the small packets of heroin and never sold any. She used them herself, she said.

In cross-examination, Tremain said she did not admit the cannabis seeds were hers.

The trial will continue today.

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DEATH SENTENCE HANDED DOWN IN DRUG CASE

Taipei CHUNG-YANG JIH-PAO in Chinese 27 Jan 77 p 3

[Article: "Death Sentence Upheld Against Durg Offender Ch'en Wen-san
[7115 2429 0005] for Killing a Policeman While Resisting Arrest"]

[Text] The drug offender, Ch'en Wen-san, was sentenced to the ultimate penalty for killing a policeman while resisting arrest. His appeal was rejected by the Supreme Court yesterday. Ch'en Wen-san's death sentence was upheld. He was deprived of all civil rights and he is to be executed by firing squad.

On the afternoon of 12 November last year, the defendent, Ch'en Wen-san, in his residence at Hsiang 40, 60 South Ta-t'ung Road, San-chung, was shooting drugs with his companion drug offenders, Hsieh Chin-te [6200 6855 1795] (sentenced to life at hard labor in another case) and Lt Tz'u-lang [2621 2945 6745] (at large). On a tip to the police, a detail was sent to arrest them.

When the policeman who was the victim, Sung Hsien-ch'ing [1345 2009 0615], q44if3e q5 qgou5 3:00, Hsieh and the others, alerted earlier, had fled but Ch'en Wen-san could not get away. He wielded a murder weapon resisting arrest and stabbed officer Sung in the chest with a dagger. Sung died from the wound.

The case was submitted to investigation by the police and since all who reviewed it considered Ch'en's crime so serious, he was sentenced to death.

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STAKE OUT RESULTS IN ARREST OF FOUR PUSHERS

Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese 27 Jan 77 p 3

[Article: "Drug Rings Broken in San-chung and Shih-lin"]

[Text] The San-chung Police Station, Taipei Hsien, yesterday broke a middle-man drug ring, found two large packets and nine medium packets of morphine, arrested five suspects including Hsu Mu-chang [6709 2606 7022], and turned the suspected drug offenders over to the courts.

The San-chung Police Station, to thoroughly implement the policy of eliminating the four pests, yesterday afternoon put the criminal squad into action in full force, and split into three groups to stake out key points and round up drug offenders. At about 14:30 in Hsiang 327, Jen-ai Street, San-chung Municipality, they noticed suspicious movements of a man, Hsu Mu-chang (37), and approached him to question him. Since Hsu had a guilty conscience, as soon as he saw the police, he fled but the policeman, Wu Shih-mei [0702 0013 5019], pursued him. Hsu suddenly turned around, whipped out a sharp knife he was carrying and was about to stab Wu to resist arrest but Wu knocked the knife away with his nightstick, subdued him and brought him back to the station.

The police said that Hsu Mu-chang had a record of two previous drug offenses. Yesterday, they found two large packets and nine medium packets of morphine and 3500 Taiwan dollars from sale of drugs on his person. According to what Hsu admitted to the police, his morphine was supplied by a man over 40 nicknamed "Squirrel." He went with "Squirrel" at 20:00 every night to Taipei bus station at the Chung-hsing bridge to San-chung where they exchanged money and goods. He did not know "Squirrel's" real name. The police are following up what Hsu told them and are actively looking for "Squirrel" who supplied him the drugs.

Yesterday after the police first arrested Hsu Mu-chang, in the neighborhood of Hsiang 327, Jen-ai Street, they also rounded up Li Ts'ung-yuan [2621 5115 3220] (42), Hsiao Ch'ang-sheng [5618 2490 7105] (44), Su Sung-fu [5685 1529 4395] (42), and Hsu Wen-te [6079 2429 1795] (29). All of them were wandering around the neighborhood after buying drugs from Hsu and were arrested by the police.

The police also arrested another man named Ch'en Ch'un [character illegible]-sheng [7115 2573] (29), who was injecting the banned drug, sosigon. The police just suspected that Ch'en could be on drugs so they took a sample of his urine and sent it to the laboratory.

Hsu Mu-chang and the others openly admitted to the police yesterday that they sold and used drugs. After questioning by the police, Hsu and the others were turned over to the courts on suspicion of drug offenses.

In other news, the Shih-lin Police Station received a tip the other day that some people were selling and using drugs in the neighborhood of Wen-ch'ang Road, Shih-lin Ward. The criminal police such as Kuo Ch'ing-huang [6753 1987 3552], P'ang Sheng-te [1690 4141 1795] and Lin K'un-lien [2651 1507 6647], at 10:00 yesterday morning staked out the neighborhood. They noticed Kuo Fu-san [6753 1381 0005] (34) hurriedly coming out of the residence at 116 Wen-ch'ang Road. Kuo Ch'ing-huang and the others thought his movements were suspicious and they approached him to question him. As Kuo Fu-san was about to flee, they arrested him.

The police found three packets of morphine on Kuo Fu-san's person. In the home of Shih Ch'iu-jung (27), they also found 53 small packets and one large packet of morphine, drug paraphernalia such as hypodermic needles, and over 4000 Taiwan dollars from the sale of drugs. The police also found nine small packets of morphine and other drug paraphernalia in the handbag of Ch'en Hsiu-chu [7115 4423 5468] (22), the girl who lived with Shih Ch'iu-jung.

Shih Ch'iu-jung admitted that their drugs were bought from a man nicknamed "Lucky Kid." However, when the police went to arrest him, "Lucky Kid" had already gotten word and fled.



Drug suspects arrested by the San-chung Police Station, from right: Li Ts'ung-yuan, Hsu Wen-te, Hsu Mu-chang, Hsiao Ch'ang-sheng.

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REPUBLIC OF CHINA

THREE ARRESTED IN TAIPEI DRUG BUST

Taipei CHUNG-YANG JIH-PAO in Chinese 12 Jan 77 p 6

[Article: "Shih-lin Police Station Follows Up Lead, Breaks Middle-Man Drug Ring"]

[Text] The Shih-lin Police Station, Taipei, yesterday broke a drug ring, arrested three suspects including men and women, and found one large packet and 65 small packets of drugs. The police are now following up leads and rounding up drug dealers.

Those arrested in the police investigation were Shih Ch'iu-jung [2457 4428 2837] (27, with a record of assault, disorderly conduct, robbery, and mayhem), Kuo Fu-shan [6753 1381 1472] (34, with a record of drug offenses), and Ch'en Hsiu-lan [7115 4423 5695] (female, 22).

P'ang Sheng-te [1690 4141 1795] and Kuo Ch'ing-huang [6753 1987 3552], policemen of the Shih-lin Police Station were patrolling their beat when they noticed suspicious persons going in and out of Shih Ch'iu-jung's residence, 116 Wen-ch'ang Road. Following up their lead, they finally spotted a certain Shih suspected of selling drugs.

At 10:00 yesterday, the police staked out the address. It turned out they noticed the movements of a suspicious man, Kuo Fu-shan, carrying a package of goods, surreptitiously emerging from Shih's residence. Kuo was seized on the spot by the officers lying in wait. The police found three packets of morphine in a matchbox on his person.

Then the police searched Shih's residence and in a concealed spot, found one large packet and 65 small packets of morphine, and hypodermics and small knives elsewhere. A woman, Ch'en Hsiu-lan (22), who had just come to Shih's to buy drugs wholesale, was also arrested at the scene. In her handbag were nine small packets of morphine.

According to the preliminary police investigation, Shih Ch'iu-jung belonged to a middle-man drug ring. After he procured the goods from a certain big boss, he sold them wholesale to other smaller drug rings and also some drug users bought directly from him. The case is undergoing expanded investigation by the police.

THAILAND

OFFICIAL DISCUSSES NATIONAL DRUG SUPPRESSION EFFORTS

Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai 1300 GMT 6 Mar 77 BK

[Interview with Thai Pol Maj Gen Phao Sarasin, deputy commander of the Central Investigation Bureau of the Police Department, on the suppression of narcotics in 1976--recorded, date not given]

[Text] Phao: I think the results of last year's efforts to suppress narcotics are very satisfactory, probably because the government is having the police seriously suppress narcotics which in turn makes other government agencies pay more attention to this problem. We confiscated 663 kilograms of heroin last year. All government agencies, such as Customs Department, are participating in the suppression. In the future the newly-established Narcotics Prevention and Suppression Committee will join the operation. I believe that if we have many units working on this matter, we will be able to achieve more.

It is now very difficult to smuggle narcotics from Burma or the northern region down to Bangkok as can be seen by the decrease in narcotics prices in parts of the country like Chiang Mai. We must praise the Border Patrol Police for their successful performance last year. They often attacked narcotics caravans. Because of this, traders do not dare go to the northern border areas to buy narcotics. Thus the drop in narcotics prices.

I think this is the result of good coordination among the agencies concerned. But we will not stop at this point, we will try to do better because there are still many people in our country who use drugs. I think the prime minister is correct in setting up a committee in charge of narcotics suppression. It makes all government agencies more active in helping each other tackle the problem. I can now see the way to reducing the number of addicts in the future.

[Question] What about the rich capitalists who are behind the narcotics trade? Will the law be amended so that these people can be punished?

[Answer] The Narcotics Prevention and Suppression Committee has set up a subcommittee of which I have been assigned chairman. I think that this

matter will be discussed at the first meeting of the subcommittee. We will consider whether the law should be amended to facilitate the suppression.

[Question] Do you have anything to tell us about the recent confiscation of heroin, marihuana and opium reported by the local newspapers?

[Answer] The authorities always arrest those who are found to be involved in the narcotics trade. I do not have the details of each arrest. We are doing our best because the authorities are aware that narcotics pose a serious problem for our country and that someday their own children might become victims. We must fully cooperate with each other to suppress narcotics for the survival of our own country.

[Question] Will the government reward the people who provide information on the locations of heroin factories?

[Answer] Yes, but I cannot remember how much they will receive from the government. I think they will get a least 6,000 baht for every kilogram of heroin they lead the authorities to confiscate, 2,000 baht per kilogram of morphine and 200 baht per kilogram of opium.

Announcer: Pol Maj Gen Phao Sarasin also discussed the project to encourage opium growers to shift to the other crops.

Phao: This must be done step by step. We must convince the hill tribes that the crops we give them to grow are marketable because they must earn a living. In some villages in which we are working the people still grow both opium and coffee. Many villages have stopped growing opium. For example, Doi Pui Village, where the people grow kidney beans instead of opium. The Doe Pui villagers told me that they have already stopped growing opium. Many people in other villages have told me that they grow half coffee and half opium. These people are not sure that they will be able to sell enough coffee to make a living. I think we need some time before we can be successful.

[Question] Has the United Nations given us financial assistance or assistance in any other fields?

[Answer] The United Nations has given us \$2.5 million, or about 50 million baht, in the past 5 years. We are going to request financial support from that organization for the next 3 years. I think that the United Nations will give us money because it is presently very interested in this problem.

The government has also set up a subcommittee to work on replacing opium with other crops. This subcommitttee is chaired by Phisit [name indistinct], who is the deputy rector of Chiang Mai University. I think that this project will proceed without any difficulty.

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UNIVERSITY APPLICANTS MAY BE GIVEN DRUG TESTS

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 17 Mar 77 p 1 BK

[Text] Applicants for the next university entrance examination will undergo urine tests to detect signs of drug addiction, Narcotics Protection and Suppression Committee deputy secretary-general Likhit Thoetsathirasak warned yesterday.

The unprecedented move is designed to curb spreading drug abuse among university students and to provide more statistics on drug abuse in these institutions.

Likhit hinted that the urine test programme would be expanded to cover vocational students, youths other than students and labourers in factories "if there are enough funds and officials for the programme."

He said the Narcotics Protection and Suppression Committee realised the menace of drug abuse among Thai youths, especially university students. It therefore had suggested that the first step towards stopping the spread of drug abuse was to conduct urine tests among entrance examination applicants, he explained.

The test will be conducted jointly by the committee, the State University Bureau, the SEATO medical research programme and the Supreme Command. Each applicant will have to pay 10 baht as a fee for the urine test.

Likhit said that applicants found addicted to drugs would not be deprived of their right to sit for the examination or to study in universities "unless they cannot kick the habit after being rehabilitated."

He said addicts would be given medical treatment and that no criminal charges would be filed against them.

According to data released by Than Yarak Hospital for drug addicts, addicts admitted for treatment in 1975 totalled 832 males and three females in the 19-years-and-under age group, and 2,532 males and 97 females in the 20-34-year age group.

THAILAND

THAI PAPER SAYS CONCERTED ATTEMPT NEEDED TO FIGHT DRUGS

Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 17 Mar 77 p 2 BK

[Editorial: "Concerted Attempt Needed To Fight Drug Addiction"]

[Text] The National Narcotics Control Board's decision to conduct drug-detecting tests for all students before the matriculation examinations beginning this year is a move along the right direction although there are more steps that should be taken in the concerted attempt to stamp out drug addiction among the country's youth. No doubt, reports of the increasing number of Thai youngsters resorting, either accidentally or deliberately, to narcotics are alarming, and there is no question that everything possible must be done before the problem assumes more serious proportions.

The urine tests proposed to be taken this year on all applicants for a university seat are aimed, as we can see it, at finding out just how extensive the drug problem has reached down to our "future of the country." But that does not mean that the step is complete.

The natural question that would arise as a result of this move is whether applicants found to have used drugs one way or the other would be barred from a chance to study in the higher level educational institute. And if so, what is the yardstick of ruling one qualified and the next one unqualified.

We are certain that the high-powered board has taken related steps into consideration and has worked out plans to accommodate those unfortunate youngsters to be able to further their education while getting treatment to rid themselves of the extremely harmful habit.

At a different level, we are glad that the education ministry and other related agencies, including the police department, have gone all out to launch an extensive scheme to educate students in secondary classes throughout the country on the harms and dangers of narcotics.

While this project might have just taken off, there are indications to believe that with sufficient budgetary support and voluntary cooperation from the private sector, the programmes at all levels be streamlined so that each project is closely coordinated with the other.

With the existence of the National Narcotics Control Board, such a move should be possible. The job of fighting the menace of drugs addiction must necessarily be a hard and gruelling one which requires patience, well-planned strategy and total cooperation from people from all walks of life.

But there is no alternative but to set out with firm determination to plug all possible loopholes in the existing legislation and invite participation from members of the public to join in this highly crucial mission.

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THAILAND

TRIAL OF TWO DUTCH DRUG SUSPECTS BEGINS

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 4 Mar 77 p 3 BK

[Excerpts] After two postponements, the first hearing of the trial of two Dutch drug suspects accused of attempting to smuggle 138.2 kilogrammes of heroin out of the country in two aviation grease drums began at the criminal court yesterday.

Pol Capt Wirat Chutimit of the Narcotics Suppression Centre, the first witness to give testimonies in the trial, told the court that he was informed by customs officials who became suspicious of two aviation grease drums brought to the jumbo cargo terminal at Don Muang Airport on the morning of 30 August, last year, by two foreigners for delivery to Antwerp in Belgium.

The captain, with some of his men, then rushed to the airport and found customs officials removing the grease from a drum. A plastic bag, the type which is normally used to contain fertiliser, appeared after the grease was removed. The content in the bags from the two drums turned out to be No 3 "brown sugar" heroin, a favourite grade for European markets.

Pol Capt Wirat said that at the time he didn't know how much the drug weighed, but was more concerned about the smugglers, one of them described as a tall foreigner with long hair and the second dressed in a pilot's uniform.

Police and customs officials searched the cargo terminal, but the two traffickers had left.

The narcotics police officer then asked whether any written documents were left behind by the two in the hope of getting their identities. An airway bill was subsequently shown and a name of the consignor, Albert Johan Hans Cornelis, was obtained.

Wirat then told the court that the heroin was later taken to the Narcotics Suppression Centre for a test and, meanwhile, narcotics police agents were sent out to check Cornelis' name from all hotels in Bangkok.

At about 4 pm the same day, the name of Cornelis was found among the list of guests at the Indra Regent Hotel. A check with the hotel manager and front office officials confirmed that he was the wanted man.

Narcotics police were also told that Cornelis was often seen with a colleague, Andries Meyer.

Cornelis who was faced with a problem of finding a lawyer, pleaded innocent yesterday and asked the court to acquit him.

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THREE CHARGED WITH HEROIN TRAFFICKING

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 8 Mar 77 p 1 BK

[Text] Two soldiers and a civilian were arrested by narcotics agents of the Crime Suppression Police Division with 2.45 kilogrammes in front of the Women's Hospital near the Victory Monument yesterday afternoon.

The heroin was valued at 180,000 baht, which was neatly packed in seven cartons, each containing 350 grammes.

After being informed that the three men were trying to sell the heroin, an agent posing as a potential buyer contacted Sgts Liam Kaechawi (31), Chakrit Pimbunma (26) and Sammun Sae Han (26) to buy the drugs.

The drug traffickers agreed to sell three kilogrammes for 60,000 baht a kilogramme and delivery was to be made outside the Women's Hospital.

Shortly after the heroin was handed over to the decoy agent, CSD policemen in plainclothes moved in and made the arrest.

Sgt Liam reportedly drew out a knife to resist arrest but was quickly overpowered.

The three men were charged with narcotics trafficking.



From left: Sammun Sae Han, Sgts Chakrit and Liam with the seven cartons of heroin at the Crime Suppression Police Division after their arrest yesterday.

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BRIEFS

ANTINARCOTICS CENTER--A new antinarcotics centre has been set up in Chiang Mai to deal with the suppression of drug trafficking in the north, the Crime Suppression Division said yesterday. The suppression, either in the central or northern areas, had been conducted jointly by the Thai and American Governments while most police forces attached to the centre are provided by the Crime Suppression's anti-drug unit, the division said. [Text] [Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 17 Mar 77 p 3 BK]

ANTINARCOTIC BRANCHES--Crime Suppression Division [CSD] has set up regional branches throughout the country to clamp down on narcotics trafficking. Police department announced yesterday that the Seventh Section of the CSD, which is in direct charge of antidrug activities, has set up permanent offices in Amphoe Phayao [district] in Chiang Rai, Amphoe Khanu Woralaksaburi of Kamphaeng Phet, Amphoe Ban Phai of Khon Kaen and Amphoe Muang of Songkhla Province. [Text] [Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 16 Mar 77 p 2 BK]

MARIHUANA, HEROIN ARRESTS--Six men, one of them a police sergeant, were arrested red-handed while delivering 33 kilos of marihuana and five sticks of heroin to plainclothes policemen at Bang Khen area Monday evening. Police said four of them, led by Pol Sgt Wuthichai Intharit, 40, went to a ricefield in Soi Prempracha in a minitruck where the drugs would be delivered with the other two following closely on a motorcycle. A team of policemen hiding near the ricefield suddenly pounced on them and found the marihuana and heroin estimated to be worth at least 100,000 baht. Other five arrested were identified as Winai Chanyakhachon, Bun Sae Ko, Winai Sunthonsuwan, Chet Rasi and Prasoet Tasuwan. [Text] [Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 16 Mar 77 p 2 BK]

SEIZURE OF HEROIN--On the afternoon of 4 March Pol Maj Gen Phao Sarasin, secretary general of the Narcotics Prevention and Suppression Committee, presented a summary of the investigation into the two heroin traffickers who were arrested in Bangkok on the evening of 2 March to the prime minister for consideration as to whether the case can be handled under Article 21 of the Constitution. The two arrested are Laochai Sae-U, 42, alias Lim Taisiang, and Mrs Fan Chu Hui or Fan Lik Hui, 50. Both are Haw Chinese from Fang District, Chiang Mai Province. The arrests were made at 1800 on 2 March by a police team led by Pol Lt Col Bunmi Sua-iam, deputy superintendent of Police Suppression Command Area 7, Pol Capt Wirat Chutimit and Pol Capt Amonrat Huwanan from the Narcotics Suppression Center of the Police Department. The two were staying at the Star Hotel in Bangkok. Police found in their room 10 bags of heroin weighing 4,140 grams and worth about 300,000 baht. Both refused to admit that they were owners of the heroin. The investigation officers have known for some time that the two were among the big heroin producers in Fang and Mae Ai districts of Chiang Mai Province. Both had been watched by police authorities for years before their arrest in the hotel. [Bangkok DAILY NEWS in Thai 5 Mar 77 p 2 BK]

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LEGALIZING MARIHUANA, EASING OF PENALTIES DISCUSSED

Ontario Attorney General Comments

Windsor THE WINDSOR STAR in English 2 Mar 77 p 16

[Excerpt] Belleville, Ont. (CP)--Roy McMurtry, Ontario attorney-general, said Tuesday that possession of marijuana should not be a criminal offence.

He told a group of students that marijuana cases "are just cluttering up the courts" and that persons convicted of possession of the drug usually are conditionally discharged.

McMurtry said that persons charged with possession believe they have committed no crime and might develop disrespect of criminal laws in general.

He also said that prisons should be more community-oriented and that Canada's prison system has almost completely failed to rehabilitate offenders.

But changes in the prison system are difficult to make, McMurtry said, because there is no public support for significant reform.

Marihuana Laws Not Enforced

Toronto THE GLOBE AND MAIL in English 3 Mar 77 p 1

[Article by Lawrence Martin]

[Text] The federal Government has ducked the marijuana issue and as a result the public is being misled into believing that marijuana laws are being enforced, Roy McMurtry, Ontario Attorney-General, said yesterday.

The use of marijuana is a criminal offence, but the courts treat it as a trivial one, he said. Although federal Government officials know this is going on, "they're irresponsible" in that they have done nothing about it, he added.

The effects, Mr. McMurtry said, are a growing disrespect for the judicial system, a cluttering up of the courts and a situation in which the public is being misled.

"The federal Government has got to come to grips with the problem... Let's face it, they've ducked the issue."

Mr. McMurtry said he left a wrong impression in interviews earlier yesterday that the drug should be legalized. "I am not saying marijuana should be legalized. I haven't got the expertise to (advise) that."

He said the federal Government must go one way or the other; either maintain marijuana use as a criminal offence and enforce the law as such, or legalize it.

He said if legalized, its sale could be regulated in a manner similar to the way in which the Liquor Control Board of Ontario operates.

To back his argument, Mr. McMurtry released statistics involving marijuana use within Metro and Brampton last month. Of 282 charges laid, 168 resulted in absolute or conditional discharges, 79 resulted in payment of nominal fines, 11 were disposed of with suspended sentences and five resulted in jail terms. The five, he said, "probably were imposed only because other charges or multiple offences were involved."

"I am of the opinion that it is misleading to the public to allow them to believe that the criminal sanction applicable to the use of marijuana is in fact being imposed under our law by the courts."

Mr. McMurtry, who replied "no comment" when asked if he had ever tried marijuana, said he wasn't about to urge the judges of Ontario to enforce the law because that is not his job.

He said public feeling about marijuana use was mixed, but that it was about time the community realized "there is far more anti-social activity caused by the use of alcohol than the use of marijuana."

He appeared to lean toward a liberalization of the laws when he said, "The courts have reflected public sentiment by decriminalizing the sanction concerning the use of marijuana, notwithstanding the fact that such use remains an offence under the criminal law."

Comments on Marihuana Controversy

Toronto THE GLOBE AND MAIL in English 4 Mar 77 p 6

[Editorial: "Grass Overgrows the Law"]

[Text] For someone who was talking sense, Attorney-General Roy McMurtry was strangely nervous the other day. It was almost as though he had,

half-way through the day, received a warning that conclusions--even obvious, inevitable conclusions--should be avoided where possible.

The subject of marijuana, how society feels about it, and how our laws should regard it, remains controversial, but the drift of public feeling and the inclination of judicial attitude are plain to see. There was really no need for Mr. McMurtry's hasty retreat, or the "explanations" by which he sought to soften the outlines of earlier statements.

The limb he believes himself to be out on is thick enough to support him, and not too far from the trunk. But if it makes him feel any better, we will skip his speculative ruminations about selling marijuana under the sort of system that governs the sale of liquor, and deal with the immediate matter of bringing the law toward a more reasonable, more acceptable, alignment.

Though he engaged in a certain amount of ducking himself, Mr. McMurtry was right when he accused the federal Government of ducking the marijuana issue. He pointed out that, though the use of marijuana was a criminal offence, the courts treated it as a trivial one. The results, he said, were a growing disrespect for the judicial system, a cluttering up of the courts and a situation in which the public was being misled.

The outlook of the courts was plain enough from some statistics supplied by Mr. McMurtry on marijuana offences in the Metro and Brampton areas last month. Of 282 charges laid, 168 resulted in absolute or conditional discharges, 79 in payment of nominal fines, 11 in suspended sentences, and five in jail terms--these five probably involving other charges.

Mr. McMurtry noted that alcohol caused far more anti-social activity than the use of marijuana, and further indicated his leaning toward more liberal marijuana laws by saying: "The courts have reflected public sentiment by decriminalizing the sanction concerning the use of marijuana, notwithstanding the fact that such use remains an offence under the criminal law." He is not, of course, the first voice to be raised on this theme.

Day by day, it must be getting more difficult for Ottawa to shut out the voices that nag it about the law on marijuana. Even with a hand over each ear, the critical voices must be filtering through--and they aren't just the plaintive voices of blue-jeaned youth, heavy with self-interest.

Mr. Justice Antonio Lamer, chairman of the Law Reform Commission of Canada, for example, said recently that the thousands of annual prosecutions for possessing soft drugs--chiefly marijuana--were charades, and that it was hard to find anyone involved in the cases, including, often, the police and the judge, "who feel that they are dealing with criminals in any rational sense of that very significant word."

On the long record of statements on the subject of marijuana we have the opinion of the Canadian Criminology and Corrections Association, calling

on the federal Government to change the law so that marijuana can be sold legally through government stores. Most of the pressure on the Government, however, has been aimed at the kind of adjustment that would remove marijuana from the Narcotics Control Act, placing it perhaps in the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Act.

This sort of appeal to common sense, whether backed up by anxiety at the number of criminal records being acquired by young people (with unpleasant consequences for their attitude to the law in general), or by concern at the immense amount of time being taken up by police and the courts in dealing with marijuana possession as a criminal offence, or by the failure of the law to reflect contemporary attitudes, has been repeated again and again.

Still, the message gains special significance from the position of the person who sends it. Attentive observers of the McMurtry style will have noted that he is scarcely a flower child. He is indeed a conservative (with or without a capital letter), and when he says possession of marijuana should not be a crime and that such cases are just cluttering up the courts, it can be assumed he means it.

The federal Government, which knows a thing or two about mood adjusting, allowed us to believe that it was actually on the point of taking the modest step of shifting marijuana to the Food and Drug Act. Papers were shuffled around in Parliament but nothing came of it.

Still, we find hope where we can. Justice Minister Ronald Basford said last month that the bill was making a comeback and that he hoped to have legislation ready soon.

Makes one's pulses race, doesn't it?

Cabinet Trio To Make Recommendations

Ottawa THE CITIZEN in English 4 Mar 77 p 14

[Text] Justice Minister Ron Basford said Thursday that he and two other ministers will be making recommendations to cabinet shortly on marijuana.

He told John Gilbert (Toronto Broadview) in the Commons that Health Minister Marc Lalonde, Solicitor-General Francis Fox and himself are considering Senate recommendations that would impose fines only for possession and use of marijuana.

Gilbert based his questions on remarks made Wednesday by Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry who said marijuana charges were cluttering up the courts and that those convicted are usually discharged.

Since then McMurtry said he had perhaps "bumbled" when he also implied that Ontario should go into the business of selling marijuana as it does liquor.

Basford said he did not want to comment on McMurtry's statements except to say "he has been doing some clever stick-handling himself."

Disposition of Marihuana Cases a 'Joke'

Ottawa THE SATURDAY CITIZEN in English 5 Mar 77 p 6

[Editorial: "End Court Farce on Marihuana"]

[Text] Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry has good reason to be interested in marijuana--it's taking too much valuable time in this province's overcrowded courtrooms.

He argues that as long as this country considers the use of marijuana a criminal offence, the courts should not treat it as a trivial one.

Statistics throughout the province indicate that absolute or conditional discharges are granted in the majority of cases involving marijuana use. Jail terms are few and far between, and are most often imposed because other charges or multiple offences are involved.

McMurtry is not interested in debating the merits or morality of marijuana. His concern is that the federal government has managed to skirt the issue and dupe the public into believing that the laws are being enforced simply because dozens of people appear in court each day.

He is saying that the federal government has an obvious choice: Enforce the law or legalize marijuana. And if it is legalized, it must work out methods of control and distribution as it has with alcohol and tobacco.

As things stand, the disposition of cases involving possession and use of marijuana has become a joke unworthy of Canadian courtrooms.

Premier Davis Opposes Legalization

Toronto THE SATURDAY GLOBE MAIL in English 5 Mar 77 p 5

[Text] Premier William Davis said yesterday he personally is opposed to legalizing possession of marijuana.

The Premier told delegates to the Health Research Ontario conference in Toronto that the Ontario Government's position also is against legalizing use of the drug.

While delegates laughed, he told Health Minister Dennis Timbrell to make sure the minister made clear the Government's position if asked for comment on the use of marijuana.

Earlier this week, Attorney-General Roy McMurtry told Belleville students that simple possession of marijuana should be "decriminalized" because such cases clog up the courts and most offenders receive an absolute discharge.

At its meeting this week, the Toronto Board of Education voted 21 to 4 against a motion recommending that the federal Government legalize marijuana. The motion was submitted by Dennis Colby, Ward 8 trustee, convicted last January of possessing the drug.

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FOUR LAWYERS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR EASING OF MARIHUANA PENALTIES

Toronto THE GLOBE AND MAIL in English 3 Mar 77 p 2

[Text] Ottawa (CP)--Four lawyers, who say they are tired of watching people go to jail for possession of marijuana, have formed a national organization intending to push the Government into fulfilling a promise made five years ago to lighten penalties for marijuana possession.

The group, which plans to open its first office in Vancouver this week, is the first to receive a foreign charter from NORML, the U.S. National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, which is credited with having marijuana offences liable only to a fine, not a criminal record, in six U.S. states, Vancouver lawyer Ted Seifred says.

"We want to end all criminal penalties for possession and use of marijuana," he explained. "We don't advocate the use of marijuana but can find no medical, moral or legal justification for imprisoning those who do use it."

Mr. Seifred said the country probably isn't ready to have the sale or distribution of marijuana made legal as is alcohol. But, he said, most believe people convicted of possessing the drug should not receive legal punishment more severe than a fine.

NORML Canada estimates 2,000,000 Canadians, including 43 per cent of all college students, have smoked marijuana.

Mr. Seifred, John Conroy and Roger Jatko, all Vancouver lawyers, and Toronto lawyer Clayton Ruby make up NORML Canada's board of directors.

"I've practiced criminal law for the last six years and I'm tired of sitting back and watching people go to jail for something like possession of marijuana," Mr. Seifred said.

"I've realized that waiting for the Government to live up to their promises won't accomplish anything and it's time to get involved."

NORML Canada's policy statement says the organization "fully supports a discouragement policy towards the recreational use of all drugs, including alcohol, tobacco and marijuana.

"This policy should be implemented by a public education campaign aimed at warning users and potential users of the risks involved with the use of all recreational drugs. Such warnings should reflect an honest scientific and medical concern," it adds.

The policy statement says unjust laws such as the marijuana law weaken respect for all laws.

NORML Canada also strongly discourages driving cars or other vehicles while under the influence of marijuana or any other drug and recognizes the legitimate public interest in prohibiting it.

Mr. Seifred said that since the Government promised to lighten penalties for possession of the drug five years ago, nearly 100,000 Canadians have been convicted of the offence under the Narcotic Control Act.

Between 1973 and 1975 alone nearly 3,000 people--most between the ages of 18 and 29--were put in prison for possession of either marijuana or hashish.

Mr. Seifred said he was skeptical of recent promises by Justice Minister Ronald Basford that legislation would be introduced soon to lighten penalties for marijuana possession.

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ACCIDENTAL TAPE ERASURE DISCLOSED IN HASHISH SMUGGLING TRIAL

Toronto THE GLOBE AND MAIL in English 3 Mar 77 p 12

[Text] Brampton--An RCMP constable testified yesterday that \$73,190 was seized from the Beeton-area farm of a 26-year-old man charged with smuggling a ton of hashish into Canada. The money was hidden in a baby crib.

Constable Willis Huntley, one of the officers who raided the farm of Robert Rowbotham, said the money was wrapped in plastic and placed in a paper bag. The crib, which was in the farmhouse, also contained a pile of papers and another bag.

Rowbotham and four others were charged on January 8, 1974, three weeks after the hashish, stored in 16 wooden crates, was intercepted at Toronto International Airport. Rowbotham was arrested at his farm while the others were picked up at a Mississauga home.

The other accused pleaded guilty last October to trafficking in a narcotic and were sentenced to varying jail terms.

RCMP Constable D. C. Robinson, who monitored Rowbotham's wiretapped telephone during the investigation, testified yesterday that by mistake he erased part of two tape recordings while attempting to make copies.

While one recording was being played for the jury yesterday the constable again pressed the wrong button and announced he had again erased several feet from the tape. After that, an RCMP inspector helping Crown prosecutor Patrick Duffy was asked to handle the tape recorder.

The prosecutor said that the relevant conversation had not been erased.

The constable said under cross-examination that he did not make any notes in his pad about the wiretap and the monitoring but made some notes on another sheet of paper, which he later destroyed.

He testified that new tapes were not used for the recordings because the recordings were simply made for investigation. Another constable had testified earlier that at that time it was not RCMP policy to use wiretap evidence in court.

CANADA

PHARMACIST JAILED FOR DEMEROL SALE

Vancouver THE VANCOUVER SUN in English 25 Feb 77 p 15

[Text] Pharmacist Robert John Carson was sentenced to six months in jail Thursday on a charge of illegally trafficking in demerol.

Provincial court Judge Eric Bendrodt, who handed down the sentence, said it was the first time to his knowledge that a pharmacist had gone to jail in B.C. on such a charge.

Bendrodt said the offence was an isolated incident and "out of character" for Carson, but that a jail sentence was indicated because the defendant had broken the trust of his profession.

Carson, 51, of 7289 Lancaster, was convicted last September under the Narcotics Control Act after detectives testified they saw him hand a package to a man from a rear window of Carson's Drug Store at 6517 Main on July 18, 1975.

The package was seized by police and analysed as containing Demerol, a morphine substitute. Two syringes were also found in the package.

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CANADA

POLICE SEIZE DRUGS IN RAID

Ottawa THE SATURDAY CITIZEN in English 5 Mar 77 p 3

[Text] Hull police seized a large quantity of drugs in a raid at the Quick Snack restaurant on Eddy Street Friday.

Several persons were arrested in the 2:30 p.m. raid, bringing to eight the number picked up since police began a crack-down on the Hull drug trade Thursday.

Aurele (Coco) Bouliane, 47, of 268 St. Joseph Blvd., was arrested at the restaurant at 49 Eddy St. Friday.

Bouliane is charged with trafficking and is being held without bail. He is scheduled to appear in court Monday.

Charges of possession are expected to be laid over the weekend against the other seven, who have been released on their own recognizance.

Bouliane was the victim of a car bombing behind the Ottawa House about five years ago. He lost a leg in the incident.

Hull police said the car bombing was drug-related and that Bouliane refused to co-operate in their investigation of the incident.

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CANADA

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'STONES' STAR FACES SECOND CHARGE--A second drug charge has been laid against Keith Richard, the Rolling Stones guitarist who appeared in court in Toronto yesterday on a charge of possessing an ounce of heroin for the purpose of trafficking. Corporal Fred Hollis of the RCMP said Mr. Richard, 34, will be arraigned on a charge of possessing about one-fifth of an ounce of cocaine when he appears in court again next Monday for the setting of a date for a preliminary hearing on the heroin charge. The RCMP officer said both charges arose from a search of a downtown hotel room on Feb. 28 following a week-long investigation by the RCMP at Toronto International Airport and the Ontario Provincial Police special services division. [Excerpt] [Toronto THE GLOBE AND MAIL in English 8 Mar 77 p 1]

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YUGOSLAVIA

AUTHORITIES SEIZE LARGE SUPPLY OF HASHISH

Belgrade TANJUG in English 1131 GMT 17 Feb 77 LD

[Text] Zagreb, 17 Feb TANJUG--Thanks to a successful action of the secretariat for home affairs of the Republic of Croatia, [words indistinct] Yugoslavia, 525 kilograms of hashish has been detected in watertight vessels and confiscated.

The 1.5 million-mark cache of the narcotic was hidden in a 7-meter-deep deserted water well in the village of Lekenik, near the town of Sisak, in 1975 as part of a hashish load transported by a foreign truck from the Middle East in the spring of that year. A part of this hashish load intended for Western Europe had already been confiscated in Italy and Yugoslavia.

This is another large quantity of narcotics Yugoslav security and customs officers have confiscated in recent months. Last September, over 500 kilos of hashish were found in a station wagon driven by a Turkish national at Dimitrovgrad, a border crossing on the Yugoslav-Bulgarian frontier.

Almost 4,000 kilos of various narcotics were confiscated in Yugoslavia by customs authorities in 1976, i.e., more than the total of all narcotics confiscated in the past 5 years, customs authorities cited statistics.

Successful actions by Yugoslav customs and state security officers in recent months are being carried out in an effort to cut the Middle East-Yugoslavia-Western Europe smugglers' connection in coordination through Interpol with similar actions being carried out in neighbouring and Western European countries.

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YUGOSLAVIA

GOOD POPPY CROP EXPECTED IN KAVADARCI OPSTINA

Skopje NOVA MAKEDONIJA in Macedonian 4 Mar 77 p 11

[Excerpts] Poppies currently growing in Kavardaci opstina are now being weeded and cleaned. More than 300 hectares of poppies have been sown this year in this opstina. Socialized agricultural organizations (the "Rosoman" BOAL with 34 hectares, the "Goce Delcev" BOAL of Vozzrci with 13 hectares, and the Institute for Poppies of Kavardarci operating in the framework of the "Alkaloid" Factory of Skopje with 6 hectares) are included in this number, which is considerably higher than in 1976. According to law, all poppy producers are obliged during the planting phase to register this fact with the proper agricultural service and with the opstina assembly.

According to the official data of specialized services, this is a good year for growing poppies, and only a few growers have noted loss of poppy crops. If there is no frost, a good harvest is expected.

All the poppies under cultivation have been contracted for by the "Alkaloid" of Skopje, which is stimulating this poppy growing through good prices and guaranteed purchase.

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BOLIVIA

INIF REPORTS FACTS ON DRUG ADDICTION

La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish 8 Mar 77 p 8 PY

[Text] The great majority of young drug addicts whose cases were studied by the National Institute for Research Into Drug Dependency [Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones en Farmacodependencia--INIF], are members of families with problems, especially divorced parents.

This and other information was released by the National Directorate for the Control of Dangerous Substances [Direccion Nacional de Control de Substancias Peligrosas]. INIF is a department of this directorate.

Regarding drug addiction, it was reported that since its inauguration in June 1976 up to December 1976, INIF has registered 234 cases, of which 44 are confined to the hospital and 199 are outpatients. Twenty-seven foreigners were cared for as our patients.

Of those confined to the hospital, 60 percent are male and the rest female. The age of the addicts is between 14 and 58 years old; the majority of the patients are between 14 and 22 years of age. In the majority of the cases the drug addicts began the use of drugs when they were 14, 15 or 16 years of age.

Seventy percent of the cases investigated by INIF were on multiple use, in other words they were using marihuana, cocaine, amphetamines, mescaline, methasedine [metasedin] and others.

Of the patients, 2.6 percent were on volatile substances such as thinners (a product used in paints); 10 percent were physically addicted to methasedine; and 3 percent to barbiturates.

According to the INIF report, the most frequent dependency was psychological and lasted from 1 to 5 years.

The information contained in the 1976 report of the Directorate for the Control of Dangerous Substances under the heading of Social Medical Department and INIF, refers to the motives and circumstances of the consumption alkaloids, drugs, barbiturates and hypnotics, etc.

The report says that groups who introduce their friends to drugs have a preponderant role in drug addiction. Classmates or friends are those who usually provide the drugs.

Among the motives, the following can be pointed out: Empty existence, tension, feeling of loneliness, insecurity, family conflicts, breaking up of the family, pleasure, curiosity, etc.

Among the cases which were cared for, it was observed that the family plays an important part in drug dependency when it does not comply with its social function, in other words, the lack of a stable family can be decisive in cases of drug dependency.

According to INIF statistics, 40 percent of the patients have divorced parents, 20 percent have deceased parents, 20 percent have parents who have separated and 20 percent have parents who are living in common-law arrangements.

Among other factors are: Lack of love on behalf of the parents, lack of dialog and communication, economic problems in the family, authoritarian fathers or mothers and conflictive and/or alcoholic parents are mentioned. Another revealing detail in the problem of drug addiction is that which is associated to the relationship to drug manufacturing and traffic. Thus we have, according to INIF, 56 percent of the people confined to hospital are connected with the traffic and/or manufacture of drugs. In these cases, the agent is known in the narcotics slang as a pusher.

Of the patients treated at the institute from June to December 1976, the loss of one patient--in his home--was regretted. The patient died of an overdose of cocaine.

Of the 44 patients interned in INIF, 38 are from La Paz and 6 from other parts of the republic.

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BOLIVIA

BRIEFS

COCAINE LABORATORIES DISCOVERED--Oruro--Members of the dangerous drugs office have discovered two cocaine laboratories operating in Cercado Province. During the operation the drugs processors were arrested and 550 grams of cocaine was seized. [La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish 1 Mar 77 p 2 PY]

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COLOMBIA

LIST OF ESPECIALLY CONTROLLED DRUGS PUBLISHED

Bogota EL ESPECTADOR in Spanish 20 Jan 77 pp 1-A, 9-A

[Text] The National Government, through the Ministry of Public Health, excluded 120 products and medicines from the list of specially controlled drugs and at the same time established the requirements for production, distribution and consumption.

The same resolution identifies those products which will be distributed by the Drug Rotating Fund of the Ministry of Health and states that products not included on the list will be distributed directly by the producing laboratories.

As for the import of drugs on the specially controlled list, it is only the Drug Rotating Fund of the Ministry of Health, or through it, that this may be accomplished, while raw materials which have been imported directly by the laboratories will continue to be so imported, with the approval of said fund.

For their part, pharmaceutical laboratories which manufacture controlled products, upon acquisition of raw materials, will be required to notify the Drug Rotating Fund in writing and to transfer the finished products to the latter, in accordance with established deadlines.

List of Drugs

As published exclusively by EL ESPECTADOR a short time ago, the new list covers a total of 179 medicines which will be sold under this system. The inclusion or exclusion of medicines from this list requires prior approval of the review commission, as provided in Article 33 of Decree 121-1976.

The following is a list of the specially controlled drugs and medicines:

Group I

Narcotic Drugs and Special Analgesics

A. Narcotic Drugs

Pure cocaine and its salts	Eukadol
Pure codeine and its salts	Gramoformina (D)
Cliradon	Gradeucor (D)
Demerol	Gratidina
Dicodid	Sydenham opium
Dilaudid	Laudopan (D)
Dilaudid atropine	Metopon (D)
Dionin	Miss
Dolisan	Pure morphine and its salts
Dolosal	Morphine
Dolantin	Narcosil
Dolophine	Noesedol
Dromoran	Opium
Paregoric elixir	Palfium (D)
Ethylmorphine	Pantopon
	Pethidine (meperidine) dower powders
	Sedol
	Tincture of opium

B. Special Analgesics

Sosegon
Valoron

Group II

Barbiturates or Medicines Which Contain Barbiturates

Alepsal	Passiflora elixir with phenobarbital
Allonal (D)	Espasonal phenobarbital
Amytal	Ethobral
Apacyl	Etonal
Barbisedan (D)	Evipal
Barbitone (D)	o Evipan (D)
Baytinal (D)	Fanodormo
Butabarbital (D)	Phendimetrazine-phenobarbital
Butisol (D)	Phenobarbital
Comisial (D)	Gardenal
Dainite (D)	Guinoval
Delvinal	Hipnotal
Dial (D)	Hipnosedan (D)
Edisul	Himesonal (D)

Luminaletas (D)
 Luminal (D)
 Medinal
 Medomine (D)
 Namuron
 Natishedine
 Nembutal
 Neo-Meprofen
 Nervosine
 Neurinase
 Nidoxital
 Nidar
 Noctinal
 Optalidon
 Ortal sodium
 Pasifen
 Pasifen with belladonna
 Passisedan elixir
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 Pernocton
 Prominal

Prominaletas (?) (D)
 Proponal (D)
 Priscofen (D) (?)
 Plexonal
 Fortified plexonal
 [one word illegible]
 Sedofil
 Seconal
 Secobarbital
 Sedalyl
 Serenol
 Sosegal
 Soneryl
 Sonival
 Sonalgin
 Somnifene
 Supverine
 Tuinal
 Vagosin with noctinal
 Veronal
 Vesparax

Group III

Amphetamines, Anorectic Drugs and Similar Drugs

Adelgadina	Exipid
Actemin	Phendimetrazine
Ambar (D)	Fenise
Anagrax	Grazilan
Bellapront	Ionamin
Benzedrine	Lucofen
Biphetamines	Methedrine
Daprisal	Obedrin
Delgazan	Obedrin L.A.
Desbutal	Poderez
Dexamyl	Tenuate [one word illegible] Ritalin
Dexadrina	Teronac

Group IV

Tranquilizers and Nonbarbituric Hypnotics

Adumbran	Dalmadorm
Ansiopaz	Diafon
Antikokitine	Diazepam
Ativan	Dimedran
Chlordiazepoxide	Doriden
Dacalma	Equanil

Firutal
Frisium
Chloralhydrate
Librium
Lorazepam
Mandrax
Meprobamate
Mequelon
Methaqualone
Mogadon
Notec
Nobrium

Nubarene
Paxate
Pentrium
Qualude
Quitaxon
Radepur
Relansol
Rohypnol
Rylax
Serepax
Sevinol (D)
Valium

Group V

Oxytocics and Uterine Antihemorrhagics

Ergotrate
Ergonovine maleate
Gluquinal
Gynergen
Methergine
Neogynergen

Ocitonargenol
Pituchinol
Pitocin
Pituitrina
Quinine
Sandopart
Syntocinon

By the Fund

The following products will be distributed by the Drug Rotating Fund of the Ministry of Health:

Group I

Narcotic Drugs and Special Analgesics

Pure cocaine and its salts
Pure codeine and its salts
Cliradon
Demerol
Dicodid
Dilaudid
Dilaudid-atropine
Dionin
Dolisan
Dolosal
Dolantin
Dolophine
Dromoran
Ethymorphine
Eukadol
Gramorfina
Graducor

Gratidina
Laudopan
Metopon
Miss
Pure morphine and its salts
Morphine
Narcosil
Neosedol
Opium
Palfium
Pantopon
Pethidine (meperidine)
Sedol
Sosegon
Valoron

Group II

Barbiturates or Medicines Which Contain Barbiturates

Allonal	Gardenal
Amytal	Natishedine
Apacyl	Nembutal
Butabarbital	Noctinal
Butisol	Sedofil
Comisial	Seconal
Dial	Secobarbital
Etonal	Sosegal
Phendimetrazine-phenobarbital	Somnifene
Phenobarbital	Supervine
	Veronal

Group III

Amphetamines, Anorectic Drugs and Similar Drugs

Actemin
Benzedrine
Biphetamines
Dexamyl
Dexedrina
Phendimetrazine
Obedrin
Obedrin L.A.
Ritalin

Group IV

Tranquilizers and Nonhypnotic Barbiturates

Mequelon
Methaqualone
Nubarene
Qualude
Rylax
Mandrax

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COLOMBIA

PERUVIAN ARRESTED WITH COCAINE

Bogota EL ESPECTADOR in Spanish 21 Jan 77 p 11-A

[Text]



Lucrecia Esther Ibaceta Bereche, a Peruvian national, who was arrested at the Eldorado Airport with 6.922 kilos of cocaine. Ibaceta Bereche was turned over to Colombian authorities.

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COLOMBIA

BRIEFS

MARIHUANA SHIPMENT--Bogota--Six tons of marihuana valued at several million pesos were seized by F-2 secret agents in Colombia in one of the hardest blows to the "Mafia" in the past few months in this country. Two gangs were disbanded and most of its members were captured. Operations were carried out in the San Jacinto and Turbaco municipalities in Bolivar State. Hernando de Jesus Canas Tobon, Javier de Jesus Zapata Rodriguez, Adolfo Herrera Torres, Carlos Alberto Cuellar Romero and Hernan Enao Bolivar were arrested in the operation. [Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish 1700 GMT 4 Mar 77 PA]

DRUG TRAFFICKER'S MURDER--Luis Eduardo Borraez Erazo, shot to death on 1 March by unknown assailants in one of his nightclubs, was a major figure in the Colombian drug traffic. Borraez had a long police record as a bank robber and cocaine trafficker. [Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 2 Mar 77 p 3-a PA]

MARIHUANA HAUL--Bogota, 1 Mar--The Colombian Secret Police (F-2) today seized 8 tons of marihuana valued at over 8 million pesos [\$228,571) and captured five persons in the vicinity of Cartagena de Indias. The names of those arrested have not been released in order not to hinder the investigation. [Madrid EFE in Spanish 1804 GMT 1 Mar 77 PA]

DRUG TRAFFIC RING--A well-organized narcotics ring, including a secret agent of the Administrative Department of Security (DAS), was discovered today during an operation in the southern part of the capital. Those arrested were Jose Domingo Velasquez, Vicente Quiroga, alias El Gato, Luis Alberto Trivino, Luis Villalba Escobar and DAS Detective Erasmo Rodriguez. [Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish 1700 GMT 3 Mar 77 PA]

ARREST OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS--Bogota, 28 Feb--Two alleged U.S. drug traffickers were arrested here today. Police impounded several pounds of cocaine, arms and ammunition. The traffickers, Leon Pallarino and John Mitchel, were arrested in a downtown hotel. [Paris AFP in Spanish 0130 GMT 1 Mar 77 PA]

ARREST OF MARIHUANA TRAFFICKERS--Colombian F-2 police agent seized a marihuana pressing machine and captured seven international traffickers. Five

of them--Sara Magdalena Rabelo Moreno, Orlando Plazas Rincon, Orlando Neira Vargas, Julio Cesar Carrillo Guacaneme and Pablo Enriquez Noguera--were captured on the train to Barranquilla. Each of them carried a false-bottom suitcase containing marihuana. Jose del Carmen Rabelo and Sara Moreno de Rabelo were arrested at the place where the marihuana press operated. [Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 26 Feb 77 p 3, p-32 PA]

'EL GRILLO' SHOT TO DEATH--Cali, 15 Jan. At present, the authorities are investigating the circumstances and the real reasons for the death this morning of a well-known owner of bars in this capital, Jaime Caicedo, known in police circles as "El Grillo" [Cricket]. He was shot to death in the early hours of the morning as he was conducting business on his property. Caicedo, who on several occasions was arrested by the F-2 of the Administrative Department of Security, DAS, on charges of drug trafficking, was recently arrested and charged with being a member of a ring of drug traffickers who are operating on the continent. On several occasions, he escaped death during police and criminal actions. This morning, Caicedo died in the Departmental Hospital as the result of six gunshot wounds inflicted upon him by F-2 agents when he attempted to attack an officer of that secret institution during a police action. The shooting occurred in El Patio bar, located at the corner of 5th and 39th Streets south of the city. Four subjects who were with Caicedo at the time the police action took place escaped and are now being sought by the police. [Text] [Bogota EL ESPECTADOR in Spanish 16 Jan 77 p 12-A]

COCAINE SEIZURE--Cali--A band of female drug traffickers was broken up today in this city and three of the traffickers were arrested by the police. The traffickers were in possession of 1 pound of cocaine. They were traveling in a car coming to Bogota from Bolivar, Cauca Department. The three arrested women are Elena Urbano Hurtado, Celia Marina [last name indistinct] and Luz Angela Hoyos. The cocaine seized, which is 95 percent pure, has been valued at more than 1 million pesos. [Bogota Circuito Todelar in Spanish 0000 GMT 9 Mar 77 PA]

NARCOTICS STATISTICAL REPORT--Bogota, 4 Mar--Colombia's Administrative Department of Security (CAS) reported that in the past 3 years it has seized 780 kilos of cocaine and 201,028 of marihuana valued at 1 billion pesos (\$30.5 million). The DAS report indicates that 1,889 drug traffickers were arrested during this period: 378 were foreigners. Sixteen aircrafts were confiscated and 13 laboratories dismantled. [Madrid EFE in Spanish 0350 GMT 5 Mar 77 PA]

COCAINE TRAFFICKER ARRESTED--Pasto, Colombia--Colombian Administrative Department of Security (DAS) early today arrested a woman named Ligia Ines Moreno with 2 kilos of cocaine, 98 percent pure. According to DAS chief in Pasto, the woman was used as a connection between Ecuadorean and Colombian drug traffickers. [Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish 1700 GMT 7 Mar 77 PA]

MEXICO

'CONDOR' DESTROYS POPPY FIELDS

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 22 Feb 77 p 24-A

[Text] During the last 5 days the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic has succeeded in destroying the largest tracts of poppy fields during "Operation Condor" and in so doing prevented the manufacture of almost 75 tons of heroin, which would have provided the drug "Mafia" some 225 billion pesos.

The office reported that by means of the airborne units federal agents fumigated 956 poppy fields over an area of 1,953.770 square meters, containing 46.5 million plants.

They also destroyed 88 marihuana fields with more than 4 million plants over an area of 175.5 square meters.

The 1,053 fields were detected and destroyed in the following towns:

Rio del Ahuijote and Rio de Santa Cruz in the municipality of Badiraguato in Sinaloa.

East of Comederos, San Jose de Gracia, Cosala, Cerro del Tiburon in the municipality of Sinaloa de Leyva also in Sinaloa.

Taoayna in Chihuahua; El Platanar, Durango; Tololoapan, El Camaron and El Palmar, the municipality of Miahuatlan in Oaxaca.

Presa de Santa Rosa and Tepexco in Jalisco.

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MEXICO

REST OF BELTRAN FELIX GANG ARRESTED

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 22 Feb 77 p 24-A

[Text] Agents of the Federal Judicial Police have captured the rest of the gang of drug traffickers led by Jose Beltran Felix. The arrest of the gang began last 14 February when a small plane carrying 136 kilograms of cocaine and 5 kilograms of pure heroin was intercepted. This was described as the country's biggest drug confiscation.

The Office of the Attorney General of the Republic yesterday reported the arrest of Anunilla Ceronia Aguilar Sanchez, Remigio Torres Canez, Cecilia Martinez, Alfredo Aguilar Gonzalez, Manuel Trejo Cedillo, Beatriz Sanchez Garcia, Olga Garcia Rodriguez and Silvia Guadalupe Gonzalez Rodriguez.

They were arrested in various places around Tijuana last Saturday and Sunday.

Those arrested previously were the head of the gang, Jose Beltran Felix, Roberto Jacinto Silva, Manuel Martinez, Jesus Alfredo Aguilar Medina, Oscar Cazares Rocha and the pilot, Marcio Enrique Alvarez Velazquez.

The second group was arrested in small apartments they were keeping in Tijuana.

The investigation began on instructions from the head of the Federal Judicial Police, Gen Raul Mendiola Cerecero. Together with a group of his agents he was first in Culiacan, from which they set out later to Tijuana where they waited for the plane to land that the drug traffickers had filled with drugs worth more than 420 million pesos.

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MEXICO

TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED, WEAPONS AND DRUGS SEIZED

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 19 Feb 77 p 10-A

[Text] The Federal Judicial Police yesterday confiscated $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons of packaged marihuana from 6 traffickers, from whom they also seized 4 pistols and 2 shotguns as they were sleeping in a town in the State of Nayarit.

Federal agents also located and destroyed 373 poppy fields and 9 marihuana fields at several locations in 4 states.

In the first instance, a group of agents arrived in the early morning in the La Cuchara region, in the municipality of Compostela, Nayarit. There they arrested 6 drug traffickers and seized $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons of packaged marihuana.

Arrested were Antonio Duran Carrillo, Manuel Duran Cueto, Jesus Rivas Ventura, Francisco Orozco Morfin, Miguel Orozco Morfin and Francisco Javier Ramirez Manzo.

The following items were taken from the traffickers: two 16 caliber shotguns, a special 38 caliber pistol, a 22 caliber pistol, a 22 caliber revolver and a 9 millimeter pistol.

The police agents took the six traffickers and the load of marihuana to Puerto Vallarta, where they handed them over to the Federal Public Ministry.

Destruction of Fields

In addition, the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic reported on its campaign against the planting, cultivation and harvesting of poppy and marihuana throughout the country.

It reported that a total of 382 fields were destroyed yesterday in various locations in Oaxaca, Guerrero, Jalisco and Sinaloa.

In the area of Rio Grande, in the municipality of Totolapan, they eliminated 9 marihuana fields covering 7,200 square meters and containing 144,000 plants.

Moreover, 29 poppy fields covering 104,000 square meters were destroyed in the regions of Toro Muerto and Pueblo Viejo in the municipality of Tlacotepec, Guerrero.

In other actions by Judicial Police, federal agents destroyed 27 poppy fields over a surface of 64,800 square meters which contained 1,166,400 plants in the regions of Cerro El Encanto, La Cascada and Siempre Viva, in the municipality of Tecatitlan, Jalisco.

In the region of Tapexco, Jalisco another 5 fields were eliminated covering 2,700 square meters with 67,500 plants.

At various sites along the spurs of the Sinaloa Western Sierra Madre federal agents destroyed 312 poppy fields in an area of 561,600 square meters containing 16,848,000 plants.

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MEXICO

TRAFFICKERS, DRUGS, WEAPONS SEIZED IN TIJUANA

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 18 Feb 77 p 27-A

[Text] Tijuana, Baja California, 17 Feb--Yesterday in La Sierra section of this city, PJF [Federal Judicial Police] agents and troops arrested four drug traffickers, one a woman, who are members of an international gang.

The prisoners are Roberto Jacinto Silva Leos, Jose Beltran Ruiz, Jose Martinez Termineli and Sidonia Aguilar. The police seized high-powered arms, mortar grenades, Bengal lights (which are used at night for plane landings on clandestine air strips), \$10,471 (240,833 pesos) and 13,175 pesos which were in their possession.

During the interrogation, the drug traffickers admitted that they were partners of Jesus Alfredo Aguilar Medina, Oscar Cazares Rocha and Marcio Enrique Alvarez Velazquez who were arrested last Saturday at "Abelardo L. Rodriguez" airport with smuggled drugs which on the American black market are worth more than 1.64 billion pesos.

They also seized a Cessna 3-10 light plane, registration No XB-EAD, and a latest model auto which an employee of ASA [Airports and Auxiliary Services], (who has been arrested for investigation) allowed to enter the airplanes platform.

The police said other persons whose names have not been released were also arrested.

Yesterday at 1600 hours, the four drug traffickers were captured at 346 Popotla Street, La Sierra section, where they kept the arms and the money.

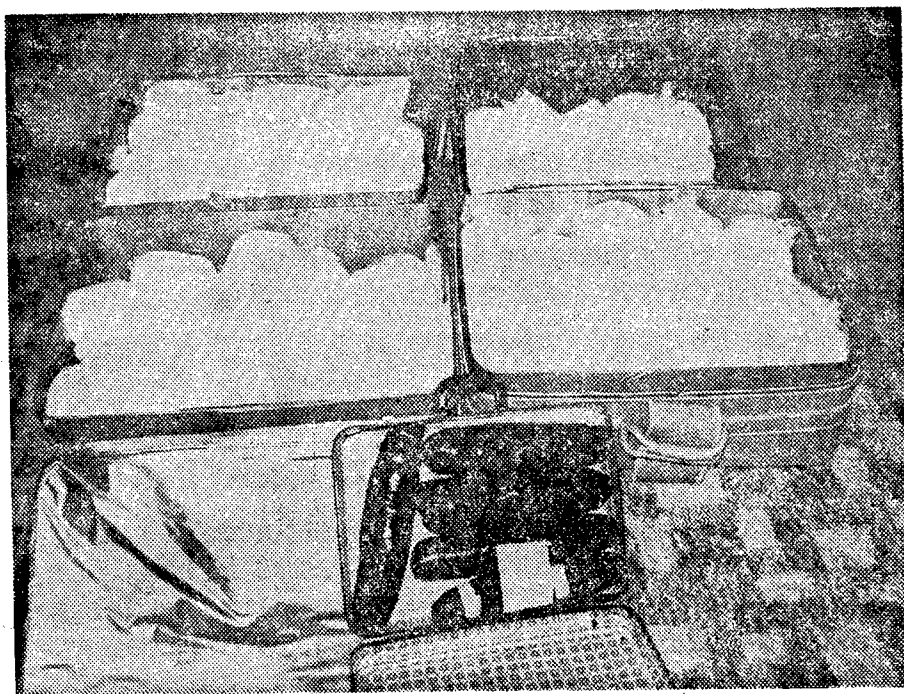
The PJF pointed out that due to their great value the drugs seized last Saturday are being protected at the city's armory. The prisoners remain in the jail at the Attorney General's Office.

The PJF said that the seized drugs came from Culiacan, Sinaloa. They had been brought from Bogota, Colombia and were to be taken to the United States.

The cocaine is in four suitcases and polyethylene bags. In another smaller bag is the heroin which was to be taken to the United States. The black market value of this load is 1.64 billion pesos. Federal Judicial Police agents seized the drugs last Saturday in Tijuana, Baja California. Recently, they arrested seven drug traffickers of an international gang.

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MEXICO

BRIEFS

HEROIN SEIZURE IN DURANGO--Durango, Durango, 17 Feb--Heroin worth more than 40 million pesos was discovered today by members of the "Durango 77 Plan for Victory" of the 10th Military Zone in the El Chaparral machine shop in this city. It had been concealed in an automobile to be brought to Chicago, Illinois. Four persons were arrested at the site. The 11 packages with a total weight of more than 6 kilograms constituted one of the largest loads of the drug yet seized by the group, military men stated. [Text] [Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 18 Feb 77 p 10-A] 8743

POPPY AND MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED--The Office of the Attorney General of the Republic yesterday reported the destruction of 373 poppy and 9 marihuana fields at various locations around the country, as well as the capture of 6 members of a gang of traffickers from whom 1 1/2 tons of cannabis were seized. It indicated that most of the fields destroyed were in the State of Sinaloa along the spurs of the Western Sierra Madre. According to the report of the Federal Judicial Police, pilots from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic located 312 poppy fields in that area covering 561,000 square meters and containing 16.5 million plants, which would have yielded some 500 kilograms of heroin. In the regions of Toro Muerto, Pueblo Viejo and the municipality of Tlacotepec, Guerrero, federal agents fumigated and destroyed 29 poppy fields over 104,000 square meters. In the State of Jalisco, in the municipality of Tecatitlan, 1.5 million poppy plants were burnt. The report from the Federal Judicial Police indicates that the following were arrested in connection with the 1 1/2 tons of marihuana: Antonio Duran Carrillo, Manuel Duran Cueto, Jesus Rivas Ventura, Francisco Orozco Morfin, Miguel Orozco Morfin and Francisco Javier Ramirez Manzo. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 19 Feb 77 p 18-A] 8743

ASSORTED DRUGS BURNED--The Secretariat of Health and Welfare (SSA) yesterday burnt 3,250 kilograms of marihuana, 17 of opium and derivatives, 600 of cocaine, 3,100 of phenobarbitol and 1,600 of amphetamines. All of this had an approximate commercial value of 70 million pesos. The drugs were destroyed in accordance with Article 434 of the Sanitary Code in the ovens of the SSA, which are located at kilometer 57 of the Mexico-Queretaro Highway. The drugs were incinerated under the supervision of Dr Adan Punaro

Rondanini, the head of the Department of Drugs and Drug Addiction, and in the presence of representatives from the secretariats of national defense and finance and from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 19 Feb 77 p 24-A] 8743

MARIHUANA, WEAPONS SEIZURE IN GUADALAJARA--Guadalajara, Jalisco, 18 Feb-- Five persons were arrested today as the Federal Judicial Police caught them with a sizable cargo of marihuana, seeds and heavy caliber weapons. One of them, Mario Ariman Castellanos, was seized at his home at Chumancero 395 in the Santa Cecilia district, where he had 17 kilograms of marihuana. He confessed that he distributed the drug to students and employees. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 19 Feb 77 p 24-A] 8743

ACTING PROSECUTING ATTORNEY APPOINTED--Oscar Flores Sanchez, the attorney general, appointed acting prosecuting attorney of the district courts of this frontier. During a press conference, Ricardo de Hoyos Arizpe, the second in command at the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office, gave this information to EL DIARIO. De Hoyos Arizpe said the new acting prosecuting attorney replaced Ramon Calzada Vejar who was transferred to the port of Acapulco on another assignment. Yesterday, Garcia Villalon took office as acting prosecuting attorney and interviewed the District Court Judges Alejo Sierra and Luis Garcia Romero. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO in Spanish 22 Feb 77 p 5-B] 8923

RESIGNATION OF ACTING PROSECUTING ATTORNEY--Gerardo Salinas Salinas, the acting Criminal Court prosecuting attorney, resigned yesterday. During the last few days, he was closely linked with a gang of auto thieves captured in Tampico, due to his ties with three of the arrested criminals. Gerardo Salinas Salinas' resignation was considered a certainty since day before yesterday at noon he had been suspended from his duties as prosecuting attorney by order of Raul Albertos Betancourt, the attorney general. He had held the post of public prosecutor since the beginning of former Governor Manuel A. Ravize's term of office and continued during all of that of current Governor Enrique Cardenas Gonzalez. The State Judicial Police in this city and in Ciudad Victoria arrested here several persons from Matamoras involved in the scandal. At the home of Salinas Salinas, four 1976 model Datsun autos were found. The prosecuting attorney is said to have bought them in good faith with the certainty that none of the cars were stolen. EL BRAVO learned that Gerardo Salinas Salinas was in Ciudad Victoria by order of the attorney general. It is not known up to now whether he is under arrest or is there just to testify, since the Ciudad Victoria Court refused to give information by telephone to the Matamoras reporters. Yesterday, it was also learned that in this city relatives of the Matamoras resident Jorge Valerio Vela were obtaining large sums of money from people very well known by the gang "to take to Victoria" where agents assigned to the investigation of the car thieves asked for money "to help obtain the release of those most guilty." In connection with this case, Jorge Valerio Vela; local traffic agent Arnoldo Rosales Cuevas,

Saul Salinas, alias "El Payo" and two of his brothers whose names are not known are imprisoned by official orders. The following persons are also at the Ciudad Victoria State Court for investigation: former municipal policeman Francisco Nino, Guadalupe Rivera "La Cuacha," Pedro Olivella, Ruben Carlos Orozco and a Matamoros resident with the surname Leal, nicknamed "La Changa." [Excerpts] [Matamoros EL BRAVO in Spanish 20 Feb 77 p 10-A] 8923

HEROIN/OPIUM LABORATORY DESTROYED IN NOGALES--Yesterday PJF [Federal Judicial Police] agents destroyed a clandestine laboratory in which several kilos of raw opium were being processed. They captured six of the persons responsible and seized heroin and cocaine worth 12.5 million pesos. Julio Camelo, the secretary of Oscar Flores, the attorney general, reported yesterday what is said above and pointed out that this took place at Nogales, Sonora. Camelo also said that the Attorney General's Office had completed the "Pegasso" and "Ganador" programs which consisted of fumigating poppy and marihuana plantings in the state of Jalisco. These operations were a great success. On the other hand, the official reported that during the last 2 days, the PJF agents seized in Chihuahua three American light planes with traces of marihuana. Concerning the destroyed laboratory, the PJF agents arrested Jesus Talamantes Islas, Sergio Canori Valdez, Francisco Jimenez, Elvira Contreras Valenzuela, Tomas Martinez and Gustavo Perez Abreu Medina who had 2.64 kilos of pure cocaine and 1.425 kilos of heroin. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 18 Feb 77 p 27-A] 8923

'CONDOR' SAID TO PRODUCE 'OPTIMUM RESULTS'--Optimum results were obtained from the Condor Plan against planting, raising and traffic of drugs and the enforcement of the Federal Firearms and Explosives Law in the states of Chihuahua, Sinaloa and Durango. Numerous poppy and marihuana plantings were destroyed and a large amount of firearms were seized. The SDN [Secretariat of Defense] explained that the military operations of the Condor Plan are being carried out within the jurisdictions of the 5th, 9th and 10th Military Zones in some municipalities of Chihuahua, Sinaloa and Durango where geographic conditions are favorable for raising those drugs. This activity is generally linked with other crimes such as arms traffic, gangsterism, cattle rustling and the like. The following drug plants were destroyed to date: 870 marihuana plantings in an area of 6,434,055 square meters with 128,671,000 plants; 6,072 poppy plantings in an area of 16,149,207 square meters with 320,410,000 plants and 83 mixed plantings in an area of 284,555,000 square meters. The SDN also reported the arrest of 43 drug trafficker suspects and the seizure of 36,951 kilos of marihuana, 315 kilos of marihuana seeds, 50 kilos of poppy seeds, 10 vehicles and 422 firearms of several calibers. [Text] [Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish 17 Feb 77] 8923

U.S. TRAFFICKERS ESCAPE FROM CHETUMAL--Chetumal, Mexico, 4 Mar--It was reported here today that two U.S. drug traffickers escaped from this city's jail yesterday. They are George Franklin Thomas and David Matek, who escaped by vaulting over the prison wall. Franklin had been sentenced to 8 years in jail in September while Matek was waiting to be sentenced. Another two foreigners have escaped the local jail so far this year. Chetumal is located 1,425 km east of Mexico City. [Text] [Paris AFP in Spanish 1812 GMT 4 Mar 77 PA]

AIR TRAFFICKERS OPERATING OUT OF URUAPAN AIRPORT--Uruapan, Michoacan, 17 Feb 1977--The Federal Judicial Police reported today that they had discovered a gang of drug traffickers whose center of operations was this city's airport. One of the members of the gang is Manuel Rosales Herrera, an airplane pilot. The capture of Bonifacio Cazares Zavala at Cuatro Caminos, Nueva Italia, with 650 grams of opium in his possession led to the discovery of the gang. He confessed that the drugs were to be delivered at the local airport to the above mentioned pilot who transported drugs in a Pony 235 light plane, registration No XB-YUU, to points near where he delivered them to other persons who arranged for taking them to American cities. The two drug traffickers accused of the crimes of possession, transportation, trade and traffic of drugs were turned over to Marco Antonio Ramirez Carrera, federal prosecutor agent. The names of other members of this gang have not been released. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 18 Feb 77 p 27-A] 8923

TRAFFICKERS' VEHICLES SEIZED IN SINALOA--In a joint operation in the struggle against drug trafficking, agents of the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit and of the Office of the Attorney General took into custody 185 vehicles circulating illegally in the state of Sinaloa. In 9 days, the two departments dealt a vigorous blow to the drug traffickers because the majority of the vehicles were used for drug business activities. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 18 Feb 77 p 27-A] 8923

TRAFFICKER, PLANE SEIZED NEAR MAZATLAN--Mazatlan, Sinaloa, 17 Feb--Today FJP [Federal Judicial Police] agents captured drug trafficker Jose Francisco Tirado Velarde in his ranch "Los Aniles", Mazatlan. They seized 40 kilos of packed marihuana, 100 grams of seeds and two presses. Tirado Velarde did not resist the police. He gave the police the names of the persons to whom he distributed the drug. On the other hand, today, PJF found a Cardinal twin-motor plane, registration No N-402-CB-404 15 kilometers south of this city. Witnesses informed the police that the plane attempted to land at a clandestine air strip of a locality called Vainillo. The landing gear failed and the occupants rushed away with the help of vehicles waiting for them. The authorities added that the light plane probably was transporting drugs although no traces of drugs were found in its interior. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 18 Feb 77 p 27-A] 8923

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COCAINE TRAFFICKER'S ARREST--Yesterday, the authorities arrested Mario Alberto Vera Calvo, a 28-year-old fugitive from justice and drug trafficker, when he was preparing to board Avianca's International Flight 83 at Jorge Chavez International Airport. Vera Calvo, who was elegantly dressed as if trying to look like a rich American tourist, pretended to be very much upset when the detectives searched him. The authorities found 3 kg of cocaine hidden in his suitcase. [Lima CORREO in Spanish 26 Feb 77 p 7 PA]

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FRANCE

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HEROIN SMUGGLERS ARRESTED--Police officers of the Central Office for the Suppression of Illicit Drug Traffic are wondering if the "French Connection," the French heroin supply route for the American market, may not be regaining favor with the smugglers. For the first time since 1974, the officers arrested, on 4 March and in cooperation with the DEA, a team of five persons who were preparing to send 1.75 kilos of pure heroin from Hong Kong via Le Havre to the United States. An initial delivery of 200 grams of the drug, hidden in the frame of a mirror, was intercepted at Charles de Gaulle Airport where it had been left by a U.S. national who is wanted in Europe: Frank Catino, aged 37. Starting with him, the police backtracked and arrested the other presumed members of the network: Olivier Muller, 32, and Patrice Lemieux, 25, of Le Havre; Jean Forgemol, 43, the drug supplier; and Antoine Galiano, 66, who is said to have acted as a go-between on several occasions for smuggling rings. [Text] [Paris LE MONDE in French 9 Mar 77 p 22]

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UNITED KINGDOM

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CANNABIS FOUND ON SHIP--Nearly 3 cwt of herbal cannabis, with a street value of about 250,000 pounds, was found aboard the Nigerian freighter, Ahmadu Tijani, 8,779 tons, at Hull yesterday. Two members of the ship's crew are being questioned by Customs investigators. The cannabis was found in sacks among the cargo of palm kernels. [Text] [London THE DAILY TELEGRAPH in English 2 Mar 77 p 1]

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